

**DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY**

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name; that

I verily believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or a joint inventor (if plural inventors are named below) of the invention entitled:

**TREE SEEDLING PLUG AND METHOD OF MAKING SAME**

which is described and claimed in:

- ☒ the attached specification; or,  
☐ the specification in application Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_, filed \_\_\_\_\_; or,  
☐ as amended on \_\_\_\_\_; or,  
☐ PCT international application No. \_\_\_\_\_ filed \_\_\_\_\_, as amended under Article 19 on \_\_\_\_\_ and/or under Article 34 on \_\_\_\_\_ (if applicable).

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge my duty to disclose information which is material to the patentability of this invention in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56(a).

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, §119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate or of any PCT international application(s) designating at least one country other than the United States of America listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate or any PCT international application(s) designating at least one country other than the United States of America filed by me on the same subject matter having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

<u>Prior Foreign/PCT Application(s)</u>			Priority Claimed?	
Serial No.	Country	Filing Date	Yes	No

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I hereby claim the benefit, under 35 U.S.C. §120, of any United States application(s) or any PCT international application(s) designating the United States of America that is/are listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in that/those prior application(s) in the manner provided by the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. §112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in 37 C.F.R. §1.56(a) which occurred between the filing date of the prior application(s) and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

<u>U.S. Patent Applications</u>		<u>Status (Check One)</u>			
Serial No.	Filing Date	Patented	Pending	Abandoned	
<u>PCT Applications Designating US</u>			<u>Status (Check One)</u>		
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